

CLAIMS

1. A financial instrument comprising:  
a convertible security providing a first potential financial benefit;  
a first call option when exercised provides a second potential financial benefit substantially the same as the first potential financial benefit; and  
a second call option when exercised provides a third potential financial benefit different from the second potential financial benefit.
2. The financial instrument of claim 1, wherein the convertible security is issued by an issuer, the first call option is purchased by the issuer, and the second call option comprises a warrant issued by the issuer.
3. The financial instrument of claim 1, wherein the first potential financial benefit comprises a first predetermined number of units of an underlying security into which the convertible security can be converted.
4. The financial instrument of claim 3, wherein the first call option comprises an option to purchase the first predetermined number of units of the underlying security.
5. The financial instrument of claim 3, wherein the second call option comprises an option to purchase a second predetermined number of units of the underlying security that is different from the first predetermined number.
6. The financial instrument of claim 1, wherein the convertible security is issued at a first price.
7. The financial instrument of claim 6, wherein the first call option when exercised requires a payment of the first price.

8. The financial instrument of claim 7, wherein the second call option when exercised requires a payment of a second price higher than the first price.

9. The financial instrument of claim 1, wherein the convertible security comprises a convertible note or a convertible bond.

10. The financial instrument of claim 1, wherein the first call option is purchased by an issuer of the convertible security from a counterparty, and the second call option is a warrant sold by the issuer to the counterparty.

11. The financial instrument of claim 1, wherein the first call option and the second call option constitute a call spread.

12. A method for structuring a financial instrument, comprising:  
first providing a convertible security having a first potential financial benefit;  
second providing a first call option that when exercised provides a second potential financial benefit substantially the same as the first potential financial benefit;  
and  
third providing a second call option that when exercised provides a third potential financial benefit different from the second potential financial benefit.

13. The method of claim 12, wherein:  
the step of first providing comprises providing the convertible security for issuance by an issuer;  
the step of second providing comprises providing the first call option for purchasing by the issuer; and  
the step of third providing comprises providing the second call option as a warrant for issuance by the issuer.

14. The method of claim 12, wherein the first potential financial benefit comprises a first predetermined number of units of an underlying security into which the convertible security can be converted.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein the step of second providing comprises: providing an option to purchase the first predetermined number of units of the underlying security.

16. The method of claim 14, wherein the step of third providing comprises: providing an option to purchase a second predetermined number of units of the underlying security that is different from the first predetermined number.

17. The method of claim 12, wherein the step of first providing comprises: providing the first convertible security to be sold at a first price.

18. The method of claim 17, wherein first call option when exercised requires a payment of the first price.

19. The method of claim 18, wherein the second call option when exercised requires a payment of a second price higher than the first price.

20. The method of claim 12, wherein the convertible security comprises a convertible note or a convertible bond.

21. The method of claim 12, wherein the step of second providing comprises providing the first call option for issuance by a counterparty; and the step of third providing comprises providing the second call option as warrant to be sold to the counterparty.

22. The method of claim 12, wherein the first call option and the second call option constitute a call spread.

23. The financial instrument of claim 1, wherein the first call option is purchased by an issuer of the convertible security from a first counterparty, and the second call option is a warrant sold by the issuer to second counterparty other than the first counterparty.

24. The method of claim 12, wherein the step of second providing comprises providing the first call option for issuance by a first counterparty; and the step of third providing comprises providing the second call option as warrant to be sold to a second counterparty.